



Mt. Charleston Town Advisory Board



MINUTES MT. CHARLESTON TOWN ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday, July 28, 2011

Members Present: Pat Fitzgibbons Chair , Curtis Alexander Vice-Chair , Michael McGroarty,
Becky Grismanauskas

Members absent: George Togliatti

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was posted in conformance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Town Board members, County, State, Federal Government representatives, Public Utilities and Public Services representatives introduced themselves.

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

The agenda for July 28, 2011 was approved.
The minutes for June 30, 2011 were approved.
The minutes for June 2, 2011 were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Las Vegas Ski and Snowboard Resort Manager, Kevin Stickleman, came and talked about the approval for their master plan for the ski resort. He stated that the expansion will take place over approximately the next ten years. They will be expanding the lifts and ski runs, constructing a new lodge and expanding the food and beverage service. They are planning to start the expansion in the spring of 2013. They are also planning to be open in the summer for concerts, chair lifts, weddings and other events. They will also be expanding the shuttle service.

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Questions from the board and residents:

Mike Goodman asked if they were planning to bring cell service and NV Energy transmission lines to the resort. Kevin stated that they are not anticipations to use commercial power; that it will be all run by generators. Cell service is in the master plan but is five to six years out.

Connie Van Horne asked can we expect summer activities. Kevin stated yes, we are hoping to expand the food and beverage service, have trails, weddings and lift rides. This summer we are starting the patio expansion.

Becky Grismanauskas asked if there would be concerts and if so will they hire private police, security, and paramedic/EMT. Kevin stated that these would be 3rd party events and they would be required to provide security. The resort would furnish up to 100 volunteers and EMT certified personnel. Kevin stated they will meet USFS requirements that the area is safe and secure. Metro volunteers are also available to help.

Becky stated that she is very concerned and wants the ski resort to cooperate with both canyons. She also asked if the ski resort would require the 3rd party to provide a rescue unit. Kevin stated that he does not foresee a problem and does not believe a rescue unit will be necessary and would not answer the question as to whether one would be required with large events.

Pat Fitzgibbons asked what is happening with Foxtail. Kevin stated that the Ski Resort is pursuing a partnership with American Land and Leisure to operate Foxtail and is hoping to start this winter. The ski resort also has plans to provide snow activities for a portion of land they own next to Our Lady of the Snow subdivision. The site is still being pre-engineered and plans developed. This facility will hopefully come on line in the next couple years.

Stephanie Myers stated that she was under the impression they were going to get a special use permit for the activities on the land they own next to Our Lady of the Snow. Kevin stated that there is no special use permit needed. This is private property. They only need a zone change from Clark County to allow for specific commercial uses.

Stephanie Myers asked what the zoning is and are they going to sell alcohol. Kevin stated that he is not sure and cannot answer till he meets with the lawyers. Yes, they will be selling beer.

Pat Fitzgibbons stated that Becky Grismanauskas will get in touch with Kevin and set up a meeting for concerned citizens. Kevin stated that would be fine but the meeting must be at the Ski Resort.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Dept. – Officer Mark Baumann reported that on July 24th there was a big rescue/recovery training exercise with local and state entities. It went well, except for a few communication problems that were fixed. The mail box crime spree person was arrested and turned out to be a postal employee. The Metro motorcycle team came up and wrote many tickets, 53 in three

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hours. On September 30, the MVP Fundraiser will be at the Resort on Mt. Charleston. Lynda Fleming stated that its \$50.00 per ticket. The money raised goes to supplies and emergency equipment.

Clark County Fire Dept. – Mike Johnson absent

Nevada Division of Forestry – Jorge Gonzales reported 31 calls, medical, abandoned fire, and traffic accidents. The last vacancy with NDF was filled and is at full strength on all shifts. Some crews are out doing fuel reduction. If you need to contact the persons in charge call Ben Fulton 486-5123 or Kim Otero with the Nevada Fire Safety Counsel.

Las Vegas Valley Water District – Natalia Londono reported the 1st metered rates are in November and the rates calculator is still available on the LVVWD website. The water is in the sustainable range. Echo well 3 is 45 feet below ground level, last year it was 58 feet below ground level. Curtis Alexander asked Natalia, why is it that if we remove turf up here we are not eligible for the rebate. Curtis stated he did remove turf and was denied the rebate. The rebate is available in the rest of Clark County, and we are also asked to conserve water here on the mountain. Natalia said she was not sure but would look into it.

Mt. Charleston Volunteer Fire Dept. – Michelle French reported that the addition to the VDF station is moving along with no issues raised. The Chief is at the site every Tuesday. They had 19 EMS calls and 5 fire calls.

Clark County Administrative Services – Chris Munhall reported that the owners of White Beauty Mine at Mile Marker 12 met with Commissioner Brown. They have a use permit for mining operations but have not done any mining in quite some time. They are hoping to be back up and running by the end of the year. They will be coming to the Lower Kyle Canyon CAC and Mt. Charleston TAB meeting to request waiver of certain conditions in their existing use permit.

Mt. Charleston License Plate fund, State Lands are turning the money over to Clark County. They are trying to get an idea of the funds on hand and transfer money from the State treasury to the County treasury. The fund has 55 to 65 thousand dollars yearly revenue. A total of \$425,795.00 has been taken in and has earned \$33,500 in interest. In round 1 & 2 they awarded \$82,221.00 in project funding. There should be approximately \$320,000 to work with once the County puts the new framework in place and then we can decide on the changes that need to be made. Two grants approved in Round 3, yet to be funded, are for the VDF and include advance life support equipment.

A letter from Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani was sent out supporting Dick Taylor's efforts to name a promontory after Judge Beal. The Commissioner is looking for support to find a trailhead, campground or other suitable area to name after Judge Beal, since the promontory is in wilderness area and naming is prohibited.

We are getting a propane generator for the VDF as part of the expansion project currently underway.

Visitors Impact Task Force – No report.

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Nevada Fire Safe Council – Tom Padden reported that the Annual NFSC meeting is coming up. Kim Otero is still having meetings with and bringing the Forester to evaluate properties.

Nevada Division of Transportation - No report.

United States Forest Service – Judy Suing reported that there are a couple of upcoming projects that need community input. Telephone Canyon Trail off of 158 will have 10 miles of new trails. Chris Bush asked if this is for horses. Judy stated that this is for horses, bikers and hikers. USFS is asking that all comments be submitted in writing.

Allen Barnhart stated that horses can enjoy the trails same as bikers.

Tom Padden asked if there is going to be a better venue for comments. Judy stated that they are very open to that if he could get a person to set up an appointment with Stephanie Phillips.

Ron McMenemy asked what the terminology Trail Network for Middle Kyle meant. Judy stated that not all the area has had the studies done so they had to separate them.

Michelle French stated Bikes and Horses don't mix. Judy answered by stating that this is why we need input from the community.

The second project is the McWilliams, Dolomite, Old Mill project.

McWilliams and Dolomite are going to be renovated and combined to make one campground with one way traffic. They will create a plowable surface for winter and provide a snow play area. Old Mill picnic area will no longer have camping; only picnicking.

Shawn McCarian asked why they can't have camping optional. Judy stated that they have tried and it is not working. Laurie Brittingham, USFS law enforcement officer, stated that it would be difficult for law enforcement to deal with.

Stephanie Myers asked if the USFS was going to increase the number of camping sites. Judy stated that yes they are increasing to 70 sites or so.

Judy Suing stated that Cathedral Rock trail now has markers along the trail that are pod cast.

Chris Munhall asked if there was any new update on the Upper Kyle parking project. Judy stated that the last day for input is July 29, 2011.

Nevada Highway Patrol – Officer John Arias reported that there are some changes with NHP. There is a new Sgt. Todd Elthor. They are short one person and they cover the mountain, 95 and all the way to Beatty. They are trying to adjust their schedule to provide more support.

Other Agencies – No report.

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TOWN ADVISORY BOARD COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Roads – Curtis Alexander – no report

Public Response – Mike McGroarty – no report

Kyle Canyon Water District – George Togliatti – no report

Fire Protection District – Becky Grismanauskas – no report

License Plate – Pat Fitzgibbons – no report

CORRESPONDENCE - None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Stephanie Myers stated that Mt. Charleston is a treasure and likewise, so is Red Rock and we need to help protect it as well. On August 17 there is a County Commissioner meeting at 9 am. Jim Rhodes is seeking approval for a concept plan to build over 7,000 homes and shopping and commercial areas on land that is currently zoned for just one home per 2 acres.

Shawn McCarin stated that he feels the proposed tubing area by Our Lady of the Snow is not a good idea and should be for residential use only. The meadows should be used and is free.

Kevin Stickleman stated that the property the Ski Resort owns is private. No study or comments are needed. He will keep the community involved and help to reduce the impact on the community.

Ron McMenemy stated that he was monitoring the situation.

Set Next Meeting Date. There is no Special Call meeting scheduled. The next regular meeting will be *Thursday, September 1, 2011.*

The meeting was adjourned.

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